

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

General Issues Committee: January 18, 2023

**MOVED BY MAYOR A. HORWATH.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....**

### **Audit of the 2022 Municipal Elections in the City of Hamilton**

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has responsibility under the *Municipal Elections Act* for conducting elections within the city of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, Council is responsible for providing funding for the conduct of municipal elections, the use of City resources during an election, the methods used for voting and the passing of by-laws related to election signs; and,

WHEREAS, there have been concerns raised including, but not limited to, the use of vote by mail ballots, elector privacy, timely distribution of information to electors and candidates, as well as voting delays during the 2022 municipal elections in the city of Hamilton;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City Auditor be directed to:
  - (i) undertake and oversee, an audit of the administration of the 2022 municipal election in the city of Hamilton and report back in May of 2023 to Audit, Finance and Administration Committee on the findings of the audit to ensure that sufficient systems, resources, vendors and vendor agreements, and policies and procedures are in place to comply with the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act*;
  - (ii) produce an actionable set of recommendations focused on improving the administration of the City of Hamilton's elections for the 2026 municipal election; and,
  - (iii) and make recommendations to Council with regards to suggested legislative reforms to the *Municipal Elections Act*; and,
- (b) That the audit process, of the 2022 municipal election in the city of Hamilton, include the retention of an election expert, and the solicitation of feedback from electors and candidates.